

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 9 with the following paragraph:

--Another channel 1.6 is also evident. This is located in a central region of the membrane body 1, and under a central region of the glass body 2 at the same time. This channel serves as outlet channel. The pressure of the gas cushion in the central region can be more or less sharply decreased. An outlet channel 1.6 may have a control valve 1.10, so that the ratios can be sensitively adjusted and flattening or denting in the glass body 2 is avoided in this central region. The outlet channel 1.6 may be positioned at a location across the membrane body selected for reducing gas pressure above the outlet channel for controlling the manufacture of a glass gob suspended above the membrane body.--.